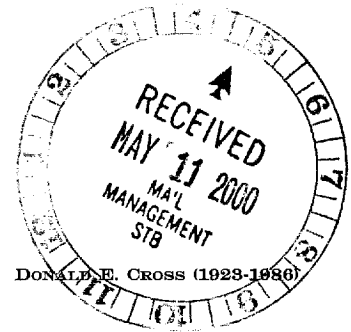


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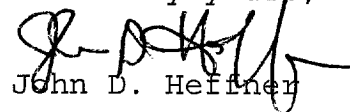
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc., in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On April 20, 2000, Housatonic filed a Notice of Intent to participate asking that Edward J. Rodriguez, its General Counsel, also be designated in the Board's service list to receive copies of all decisions, notices, and pleadings. Because of the Board's policy which requires that only one party be identified in the service list, Housatonic requests that Edward Rodriguez be substituted for me as the party of record. Since our firm will be representing other parties in this proceeding, we will receive copies of all decisions, notices, and pleadings as a matter of course.

Please show Mr. Rodriguez's address as Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc., P.O. Box 687, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner

cc: Edward J. Rodriguez, Esq.
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